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SUBJECT: COURTESY CALL ON GOS FINANCE MINISTER BY RANKING
WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS IN EA COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE

1. I KNOW THAT YOU, JOEL BILLER AND ROBERT SHAW WILL WANT TO
SPEND AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE PARTICIPATING IN THE EA COMMER-
CIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE WHEN YOU COME TO SINGAPORE NEXT MONTH.
HOWEVER, I HOPE THAT THE THREE OF YOU WILL CONSENT TO OUR
ARRANGING A COURTESY CALL ON FINANCE MINISTER HON SUI SEN.
THIS GESTURE WOULD CERTAINLY BE APPRECIATED BY HON AND LOULD
SERVE TO FURTHER ENHANCE OUR ALREADY CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH
THE GOS.

2. WHILE WE DO NOT ENVISAGE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS, SUCH A
MEETING WOULD GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE A BROAD RANGE OF
ISSUES (HON'S PORTFOLIO RUNS THE GAMUT OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL
MATTERS), INCLUDING RECENT ASEAN DEVELOPMENTS. HON, AN IN-
TELLIGENT AND ARTICULATE TECHNOCRAT, MAY EVEN EMPLOY THE OCCASION
TO RAISE A BROAD AREA OR TWO OF CONCERN TO THE GOS.

3. IF YOU WOULD INDICATE YOUR AGREEMENT TO MY PROPOSAL,
AND THE CONCURRENCE OF YOUR STATE AND COMMERCE
COLLEAGUES, WE COULD SET THE NECESSARY MACHINERY IN
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MOTION. THE AFTERNOONS OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AND
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 APPEAR TO BE TIMES WHEN YOUR
ABSENCE FROM THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE POSSIBLE. WE LOOK
FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT.
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